

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

By this Amendment claims 12-21 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer and claim 11 has been amended. The amendments to claim 11 are fully supported by the as-filed specification.

Applicants hereby affirm their election of claims 11-22 for prosecution.

Claims 11-22 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) over the combination of Anderson et al. U.S. 4,541,945 in view of Lucas et al. U.S. 3,135,632. This rejection is traversed.

The secondary reference, Lucas et al. relied upon by the Examiner to provide the teaching of the presence of acridine orange in the composition, which is not disclosed in Anderson, is limited in its teaching to the use of acridine orange to prevent “rerusting” when freshly “pickled” low alloy ferrous metals are removed from a pickling bath. Why would one of ordinary skill in the art of protecting process equipment think to consult a patent teaching the “prevention of rerusting” after “pickling” when he is only concerned with corrosion inhibition and scale formation on process equipment which is in contact with water and circulating chemicals in a dynamic environment? Clearly in the claimed process, which employs elevated temperature and extended treatment times one would not even consider the teaching of Lucas since it is merely a “post pickling” technique which is conducted at lower temperatures in a static environment. The “post pickling” process of Lucas serves to *remove* the *strong acids* used during pickling, while in the claimed process strong acids are purposefully employed. Thus, the use of acridine orange in the claimed process would not be suggested given the teaching of Lucas.

It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims distinguish over the art and, accordingly, the rejection under § 103(a) has been overcome and should be withdrawn.

The issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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